



COVID-19 Resources and Health Order Updates – March 5, 2021



1) We remain in the **Yellow (Low) Risk Level**! We still have a ways to go before we reach our Green (New Normal) Risk Level, so let's keep working at it.

2) Updated Statistics:

- Between February 19, 2021 and March 4, 2021 Teton County detected 63 new cases. This is a 50% decrease from the previous two weeks, during which time 125 cases were detected. The percent of recent COVID-19 tests that were positive has also decreased to approximately 2.2%.
- 46% of cases during this time period have been due to community spread.
- As of 3/4/2021, there were 69 known active cases in Teton County.
- Statistics overview
- Hear from Teton County Health Department's Epidemiologist in our **Behind the Graph Videos**:
 - o Watch the video about metrics and how they determine our risk level by clicking here.
 - Watch the video on community spread by clicking here here.

3) Health Orders and Recommendations:

- Statewide Health Orders
 - o In effect Monday, March 1, 2021 through Monday, March 15, 2021
 - To view the Summary of the Changes, <u>click here</u>.
 - 1. The <u>22nd Continuation of Order #1</u>: Conditions of operation for establishments including bars, restaurants, theaters, gymnasiums, childcare facilities, K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and trade schools.
 - 2. The 22nd Continuation of Order #2: Gathering size limitations.
 - 3. The 4th Continuation of Order #4: Requires face coverings in certain places, with exceptions, throughout the State of Wyoming.
 - Order #3 has been discontinued; however, the Statewide Mask Order is still in effect for businesses formerly covered by Order #3.
- Federal Mask Mandate for federal buildings and federal lands. Learn more here.
- Masks Mandate on Public Transportation

4) COVID-19 Vaccine Update:

- Registration is now open for Phase 1c
 - This includes the following individuals:
 - In the higher risk population-based groups (including individuals 50-64 year old) or
 - <u>Essential critical infrastructure workforce</u> (who are unable to physically distance or telework). This includes restaurant, kitchen and food prep staff.
 - If your business qualifies or you have employees within the age range, please forward the link to your employees so they can register themselves.
 - o We will use this information to allocate appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Individuals will be randomly selected from the registration list weekly depending on vaccine availability.
- See the <u>press release</u> to learn more.
- Print out resources in English and Spanish from the <u>vaccine toolkit</u> to share with your team.
- We anticipate to vaccinate the general public by early May!
- Call our COVID hotline at 307-732-8628 option 1 between 9AM-4PM Monday-Friday to get assistance or you can email <u>covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov</u> if you have questions about qualifying.

- For community members who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine please continue to
 follow our preventative measures, wearing masks, staying at least 6 feet from others, frequently
 washing hands, and staying home when sick. We will need to continue these measures until a
 bigger percentage of our community is vaccinated and we have reached herd immunity for
 COVID-19.
- 5) **Surveillance testing** is still very important since it catches asymptomatic positives and can decrease the spread of COVID-19 within your business. If you have <u>Vault tests</u> on hand, use them. If you want to sign up for <u>Curative</u> Surveillance Testing, click <u>here</u>. If your business is already signed up, please encourage your staff to get tested when offered the opportunity.
- 6) Teton County Health Department recommends 14-day quarantine periods from last day of close contacts, especially for household contacts.
 - Restrictions apply for shortened quarantine options.
 - o Any symptoms, even mild, will not be allowed to follow a shortened quarantine.
 - Regular symptom checking of all employees is advised (with or without a known exposure) and is essential for those returning to work under shortened quarantine for the remaining 14-days.
 - o For earliest return at day 8, a negative test result (with sample collected at the appropriate time on or after day 5) is necessary.
 - o Tracking employees last date of exposure, test date and result is advised.
 - o Under no circumstances can someone return earlier than day 8 from last exposure.
 - Learn more about <u>quarantine strategies</u>.
- 7) The Teton County Health Department and St. John's health are partnering on the Community Health Needs Assessment, an every-three-year initiative designed to improve the health and quality of life for Teton County residents. Designed for Teton County residents, the five-minute survey is available online in English by Clicking here and in Spanish by Clicking here. These surveys will be open from February 1 through March 15. Community input is extremely important in identifying public health needs. If you could help spread the word about completing the survey, that would be a tremendous help!
- 8) Stay in the Know:
 - **Community COVID Update**: Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 19th at 12pm. Click <u>here</u> to watch it live or recorded.
 - Questions about the **COVID-19 Vaccine**? Check out our <u>vaccine webpage</u> or email your questions to <u>covidvax@tetoncountywy.gov</u>.
 - Subscribe to the <u>Shred the Spread Newsletter</u> to see the latest stats, resources, and more. Stay informed and help #ShredtheSpread of COVID-19.
 - Sign up for **weekly COVID-19 updates** through Nixle Text TC_COVID to 888777. Envíe TC_COVID 888777 y resonda ESP.
- 9) Resources:
 - <u>Contact tracing steps</u> for your business
 - Update to quarantine recommendations
 - What to do while waiting for test results?
 - Has someone been <u>exposed</u> to COVID-19?
 - Has someone <u>tested positive</u> to COVID-19?
 - COVID-19 <u>testing options</u> for individuals and businesses
 - Questions? Call (307) 732-8537 or email <u>Ashley.cassat@wyo.gov</u>